



2021 Bear Paw Alaska Backyard Cornhole Tournament

Rules for Play

How to play: Game begins with team captains best of three rock, paper, scissors to determine which team gets the first throw. They will also pick which side of the board to play from for the match. Play begins with team captain throwing first.

How many people on a team? Two (2) players per team must be present to play. All participants must sign a liability waiver. Participants must be 18+ years old. This is a Family Friendly event so team names must be appropriate for all ages.

How does cornhole work? A game consists of frames. Each team rotates throwing their bags until all bags are thrown to the other side, at which point, the frame is complete. Each frame consists of calculating the difference of all the bags on the boards and in the hole at the end of the frame per team. The net point total is kept track of from each frame.

Example: Team A scores 8 points in frame 1 and Team B scores 2 points in frame 1. This would mean that Team A would receive 6 points for that frame and would also be the team to throw first in the next frame. The object is to be the first team to reach 21 points by either throwing the bag onto the board (1 point) or in the hole (3 points). Board will be placed approximately 27 feet (front to front) from each other. This distance is placed out by the league manager. Cornhole boards and bags will be provided. Each court consists of 2 boards and 8 bags.

Foul lines will not be marked but are across the front of the board. Players must stay on or behind the foul line (which comes out from the front of the board) to throw. If a player crosses the line, they forfeit any points made from that throw.

How long is a game? A game will last around 15 minutes from the designated start time or until one team reaches 21 points in each game. You do not need to hit 21 exactly and can go over. Once a team hits 21, they win the match. In the event time runs out before a game is done, the team with the most points at the end of time will be declared the winner.

What area can I stand in? Team captains determine the side of play before the match begins. Team members must stay on their side of the board for the entire match. You can stand all the way up to the front of the board but cannot go past the foul line. Teammates will stand on opposite ends of the court.

What happens if a bag is knocked off the board? Once a bag hits the ground it is considered dead and will not count for points. This includes bags that bounce onto the board when thrown and bags that are knocked off the board. Points will be tallied at the end of each frame.

What happens if the other team doesn't show up? A team has 5 minutes past the designated start time to show up. If they do show up late, but within the allotted 5 minutes, teams will not receive extra time to play and must complete their game in the remaining time. If they do not show up within 5 minutes from the designated start time, they forfeit and the present team is declared the winner.

Violations that result in a bag being removed from the board/hole: 1) If a player crosses the foul line before the bag is released. 2) If a bag hits the ground before getting to the board. 3) If a bag strikes an object such as a tree limb, indoor ceiling, etc. and lands on the board.

What if there is a scoring issue/dispute? All questions and issues will be handled by the league ambassadors. The league ambassadors will make the final ruling on all protests. Please remember, we are all out here to have fun! At the end of the day, it is just cornhole with friends.

Have Fun! Like all recreational sports, everyone in the league comes out for a good time, so please exercise good sportsmanship.

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